

17.(Previously Presented) A method of error checking for a compact disc processor having an extendable and retractable disc support tray moveable from a disc loading position to a processing station, an input disc storage bin for supporting a stack of a plurality of discs centered on an axis, and a handler comprising a picker moveable parallel to the axis and laterally to the axis to lift and move a disc from the stack to the tray when the tray is in a loading position, comprising the steps of depositing a disc in the tray with the handler, moving the handler back to overlie the stack and moving the handler to a position to sense the height of the stack, by sensing the spacing between the handler and a top disc in the stack, and determining if the height of the stack is correct for previous removal of a single disc.

18.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein prior to moving the handler to lift and move a disc from the stack, the handler is moved to overlie the tray in the loading position, and moving the handler toward the tray to sense whether there is a disc in the tray.

19.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein a disc is processed and the tray is moved to the loading position with the processed disc, moving the handler in a cycle having a down portion and an up portion to pick up the processed disc, sensing whether a processed disc is supported by the handler in the up portion of the cycle, and moving the tray to the processing station and back to the unloading station if no disc is supported in the up portion of the cycle.

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